

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Gary L. Perry, on April 2, 2009 at 9:00  
A.M., in Room 303 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Gary L. Perry, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Jim Shockley, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)  
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Larry Jent (D)  
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Sen. Dan McGee (R)  
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)  
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Sen. John Esp (R)

**Staff Present:** Valencia Lane, Legislative Branch  
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 130, HB 131, 4/2/2009

Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 130**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:21 Rep. Ron Stoker (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 130, Grant program for local crisis services and jail diversion for mentally ill.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:18 Anita Roessmann, Attorney, Disability Rights Montana  
**EXHIBIT(jus73a01)**

00:10:19 Paul Meyer, Executive Director, Western Montana Health Center

00:11:29 Rep. Teresa Henry, HD 96

00:16:19 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commissioners

00:16:45 Linda Stoll, Missoula County

00:17:01 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Health(NAMI), Montana

00:18:44 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association; Montana County Attorneys Association

00:19:32 Judy Reel, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

00:19:54 Scott Malloy, Executive Director, Western Montana Mental Health Center; Crisis Center, Park County

00:20:34 Mike Foster, Wheatland Memorial Hospital, Harlowtown; St. Vincent Healthcare, Billings; St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula; St. James Healthcare, Butte, Holy Rosary Healthcare, Miles City, St. Joseph Hospital, Polson

00:22:35 Patti Jacques, self

00:23:52 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic; Montana Hospital Association

00:25:35 Tom Peluso, self; Chair, NAMI, Bozeman; also for Dorothy Eck, Montana League of Woman Voters

**EXHIBIT(jus73a02)**

00:30:39 Dr. Ray Peck, Psychologist; Montana Association of Churches; Central Montana Mental Health Center; Volunteer, Vet to Vet, Fort Harrison

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:34:14 Eve Franklin, Office of the Governor

00:39:48 Lou Thompson, Administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:42:05 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of  
Counties (MACo)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:44:27 Sen. McGee  
00:44:54 Ms. Thompson  
00:48:04 Sen. McGee  
00:48:25 Ms. Franklin  
00:49:28 Sen. Larsen  
00:50:13 Ms. Thompson  
00:54:16 Sen. Juneau  
00:55:06 Rep. Stoker  
00:58:23 Sen. Juneau  
00:58:38 Ms. Roessmann

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:59:55 Rep. Stoker  
01:02:12 break

**HEARING ON HB 131**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:18:36 Rep. Ron Stoker (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB  
131, State contracting for mental health emergency  
detention beds.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:20:14 Rep. Teresa Henry, HD,96  
01:21:19 Anita Roessmann, Attorney, Disability Rights Montana  
01:26:35 Paul Meyer, Executive Director, Western Montana Mental  
Health Center  
01:27:26 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commissioners  
01:27:53 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance for  
Mental Illness(NAMI) Montana  
01:29:03 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic; Montana Hospital  
Association  
01:29:48 Scott Malloy, Executive Director, Montana Mental Health  
Center

**EXHIBIT(jus73a03)**

01:30:39 Mike Foster, Wheatland Memorial Hospital, Harlowtown;  
St. Vincent Healthcare, Billings; St. Patrick  
Hospital, Missoula; St. James Healthcare,  
Butte, Holy Rosary Healthcare, Miles City, St. Joseph  
Hospital, Polson  
01:31:17 Judy Reel, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and  
Sexual Violence  
01:31:34 Dr. Ray Peck, Psychologist; Montana Association of  
Churches; Central Montana Mental Health Center;  
Volunteer, Vet to Vet, Fort Harrison

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:34:26 Eve Franklin, Office of the Governor  
01:37:26 Lou Thompson, Administrator, Addictive and Mental  
Health Disorders Division, DPHHS

**Informational Testimony:**

01:47:30 Sheryl Wood, MACo

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:48:37 Sen. McGee  
01:48:48 Ms. Thompson  
01:49:43 Sen. Laslovich  
01:50:32 Ms. Thompson  
01:53:58 Sen. Curtiss  
01:54:17 Ms. Thompson  
01:56:36 Sen. Perry  
01:56:55 Ms. Franklin  
02:00:36 Sen. Juneau  
02:01:12 Rep. Stoker

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:04:37 Rep. Stoker

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:10 A.M.

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Pam Schindler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([jus73aad.pdf](#))**